their guns; the heroic devotion of Montbrun, of Caulain-court, who found death in the midst of their glory; our gunners, in the open and without cover, firing against a heavier artillery protected by earthworks; and our brave infantry, at the most critical moment, not in need of their general's steadying voice, but calling out to him: "It'sail right! your soldiers have sworn they will conquer, and they will!"

The Russian army of Austerlitz would not have been driven from the field of Borodino.

9th, Mojaisk:

(To Francis I, Emperor of Austria.) I take the earliest opportunity of informing Your Majesty of the fortunate result of the battle fought on the 7th of September at the village of Borodino. Knowing the personal interest Your Majesty is good enough to take in me, I wished to announce the event myself; and to add that my health is perfect. I estimate the enemy's loss at 40,000 or 50,000; they had 120,000 to 130,000 men in line. I lost 8000 or 10,000 killed and wounded. I captured 60 guns and a large number of prisoners.

10th. We are in great need of French muskets; we want them at Vilna, at Minsk, at Smolensk, and at the abbey near the battlefield, to arm the stragglers and the wounded who have lost theirs.

13th, Borisovka:

We had marched but a few miles from Mojaisk when we were astonished to find ourselves, notwithstanding our proximity to one of the great capitals of the world, in the midst of a sandy and absolutely desert waste.